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For: FABRICATION OF MULTIPLEXING AND DEMULTIPLEXING  
SINGLE-MODE FIBER OPTIC COUPLERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with PCT Application  
No. PCT/CA00/01314 (Entering the National Phase Under Chapter I).

IN THE CLAIMS

Enclosed please find amended claims 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 19 in which the  
dependencies have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies as shown in the attached  
marked up version of the same claims.

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the patent application. Claim 1 is an independent claim and  
the remaining claims are dependent claims.